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### **REMARKS**

#### ***Specification***

The claims have been revised as shown below. Along with this, FIG. 4 has been canceled.

#### ***Claim Rejections 35USC § 112***

The claims have been revised as indicated below which we believe will eliminate the reasons for the rejection.

#### ***Claim Objections***

The claims have been revised as indicated below which we believe will eliminate the reasons for the rejection.

#### ***Claim Rejections 35USC § 102***

Claims which previously numbered 1 through 11 have been consolidated into a single claim. No new words and phrases are used. The use is limited to sternum suture surgery encountered during cardiac surgery. Since the tying of the wire is accepted as a premise for the apparatus, a hook ditch is formed on the side surface of the blade. The Isakson reference does not disclose this feature. Furthermore, the Isakson reference does not disclose a T-shaped plate form with dimples and hollows that holds and is connected to the tip blade. It should be understood that, in these ways, there are significant structural and functional differences between the present invention and the Isakson reference.

#### ***Drawings***

In accordance with your instructions, the drawings have been replaced as attached.

Fig.1, Fig.2, and Fig.4: Cancel

Fig.3: Amendment